

Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application PCT/EP00/00467 filed January 22, 2000

REMARKS

Claims 10-17 are currently pending in the instant application.

The Specification has been amended to include the preferred section headings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.77 to remove possible ambiguities associated with the use of the same subscript letters which stand for the degrees of ethoxylation in formulas II, III, and IV. It is submitted that the amendments to the Specification made herein introduce no new matter. Their entry is therefore proper and respectfully requested. An Abstract of the Disclosure has been added on a separate sheet following the claims.

Original claims 1-9 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 10-17 solely for the purpose of improving clarity and grammar, which may suffer in translation, and not for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent. New claims 10-17 have not been added in response to any rejection, or in anticipation of any rejection related to the statutory requirements for a patent. Applicants respectfully submit that the scope of new claims 10-17 corresponds to the scope of original claims 1-9 and that new claims 10-17 are no narrower than original claims 1-9. Furthermore, although a moot point in view of their cancellation, Applicants respectfully submit that original claims 1-9 satisfied the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, as filed. New claims 10-17 are supported by the specification and no new matter has been introduced. Entry is therefore proper and respectfully requested. Prompt examination of the instant application in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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